## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims**

- 1. (Previously Presented) A method of reducing phytotoxicity to a plant caused by a herbicide application to the plant or the seed from which it grows which method comprises:
  - (a) applying to a plant locus a composition comprising a chloronicotinyl insecticide, and
  - (b) applying to the plant locus a herbicidal composition, wherein the herbicide is selected from the group consisting of chloroacetamides, imidazolinones, oxyacetamides, sulfonylureas, triazines, triketones isoxazoles, and combinations thereof.
  - 2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein said plant is a crop plant.
- 3. (Original) The method according to Claim 2 wherein the crop plant is a monocotyledon plant.
- 4. (Original) The method according Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied to the soil at the locus.
- 5. (Original) The method according to Claims 1 wherein the herbicidal composition is applied to the foliage of the plant at the locus.
- 6. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is a compound of formula (I):

$$R - N \qquad (Z) \qquad (I)$$

$$X - E \qquad (I)$$

in which

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- R represents hydrogen, optionally substituted radicals from the group acyl, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl;
- A represents a monofunctional group from the series hydrogen, acyl, alkyl, aryl, or represents a bifunctional group which is linked to the radical Z;
- E represents an electron-withdrawing radical;
- X represents the radicals -CH= or =N-, it being possible for the radical -CH= instead of an H-atom to be linked to the radical Z;
- Z represents a monofunctional group from the series alkyl, -O-R, -S-R,

$$-N(R)$$

or represents a bifunctional group which is linked to the radical A or to the radical X (if X represents = C = ).

- 7. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide composition is applied to the seed from which the plant grows.
- 8. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied as a pre-emergent treatment.
- 9. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied as a post emergent treatment.
  - 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Original) The method according to Claim 2 wherein the crop plant is a maize or corn plant.
- 12. (Original) The method according to Claim 11 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is applied to the seed of the corn plant.
- 13. (Original) The method according to Claim 12 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is applied at a rate of from 0.05 mg/seed to 3 mg/seed.

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- 14. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-3 wherein the soil temperature at the plant locus at or before the time of application of the herbicide is from about 4°C to about 25°C.
- 15. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-3 wherein the soil temperature at the plant locus at or before the time of application of the herbicide is from about 10°C to about 20°C.
- 16. (Original) The method according to Claim 6 wherein the compound of formula (I) is:

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow NH$$

$$NO_2$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow NH_2$$

$$N - NO_2$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow NH_2$$
 $N = N - NO_2$ 

$$CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{S} S CH_2 \xrightarrow{N} N \xrightarrow{N-CH_3} NO_2$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{S} CH_2 \xrightarrow{N} N - CH_3$$

$$N \longrightarrow N - CH_3$$

$$CI - \bigvee_{N} = \bigvee_{CI} - CH_2 - \bigvee_{N} \bigvee_{CI}$$

$$CI - CH_2 - N NH NH CN$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow S$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow S$$

$$N \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow S$$

$$N \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow S$$

$$N \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow S$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_2 \xrightarrow{N} S$$

$$N - NO_2$$

$$CI - CH_2 - N NH CH NO_2$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow NH$$

$$CH \longrightarrow NO_2$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow N(CH_3)_2$$

$$CH - NO_2$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{N} -CH_2 \xrightarrow{N} NH$$

$$CH - NC$$

$$CI - \bigvee_{N=} - CH_{2} - \bigvee_{N=} NH \qquad CI - \bigvee_{N=} - CH_{2} - \bigvee_{N=} - N(CH_{3})_{2}$$

$$CH - NO_{2} \qquad N - NO_{2}$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow N - H$$

$$N - NO_2$$

$$CI \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow N - H$$

$$N - NO_2$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{S} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{N-H} N-NO_2$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{\mathsf{O}} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{\mathsf{N}} \mathsf{N} - CH_3 \qquad \qquad CI \xrightarrow{\mathsf{N}} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{\mathsf{N}} \mathsf{N} - CH_3 \\ N - \mathsf{NO}_2 \qquad \qquad CI \xrightarrow{\mathsf{N}} \mathsf{N} - \mathsf{NO}_2$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{S} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{N - CH_3} N - CH_3$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_{2} - N - C - CH_{3}$$

$$N \xrightarrow{N} CN$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{CH_3} CH_2 - N - C - CH_3 CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{N} N - CH_3$$

$$N \xrightarrow{N} CN$$

$$N \xrightarrow{N} NO_2$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad CH_2-N-C-NHCH_3 \qquad CI \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad CH_2-N \qquad \qquad N-CH_3} \qquad CH_2-N \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad N-CH_3 \qquad \qquad N-CH_3}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & \\ \hline S & NH & & \\ \hline S & NH & \\ \hline CH & & \\ NO_2 & & \\ \end{array}$$

$$H_3C$$
  $S$   $N$   $NH$   $CI$   $CH_2$   $CH_2$   $NH$   $CH$   $NO_2$ 

$$CI \longrightarrow N$$
 $CH_2 - N$ 
 $N \longrightarrow NHCH_3$ 
 $N \longrightarrow NO_2$ 
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$$CI \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} N \hspace{1cm}} CH_2^-NH \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} N \hspace{1cm}} NHCH_3 \qquad CI \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} N \hspace{1cm}} CH_2^-N \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} N \hspace{1cm}} S \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} N \hspace{1cm}} CN$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad CH_2 - N} S \qquad CI \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad CH_2 - N} NHCH_3$$

$$CH_{NO_2} \qquad CI \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad NO_2} NO_2$$

or